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1. AS OF NOW, 72 ROOMS AVAILABLE AT TULPENFELD HOTEL INCLUDING TWO TOP FLOOR SUITES FOR PRESS. ASSUMING MAXIMUM OF 70 JOURNALISTS AND NO DOUBLING UP, TWO SUITES ONLY ARE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER THAN PRESS. APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE TO HOUSE PRESS PLANE CREW THERE. STEIGENBERGER IS ALSO TIGHT ON SPACE. WILL ADVISE. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. ARE RESERVING TWO 40 PASSENGER PRESS BUSES, ONE 25 PASSENGER POOL BUS, AND TWO 25 PASSENGER BACK-UP FOR PRESS PLANE CREW AND SHUTTLE BUSES FOR PRESS EACH PRESS BUS WILL HAVE BI-LINGUAL ESCORT. POOL BUS WILL HAVE USIS OFFICER ABOARD.

- 3. THREE SEDANS WILL BE ASSIGNED AS REQUESTED IN AGENCY REFTEL, PARA. 3-C. IN ADDITION, KLIEFORTH AND VEHICLE WILL MEET MR. EISELE ON ARRIVAL AIRPORT, SEE HIM OFF AT DEPARTURE, AND ACCOMPANY IN SAME VEHICLE, IN ALL MOTORCADES.
- 4. IN LIGHT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR WHITE HOUSE PRESS STAFF, PROPOSE TO SET UP OFFICE IN BRIEFING ROOM MENTIONED IN PARA. NO. 3, BONN REFTEL, FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF. IT IS ON GROUND FLOOR OF TULPENFELD RESTAURANT BUILDING. USIS PRESS CENTER IS ON THE FLOOR ABOVE. WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET ALL POWER AND FURNISHING REQUIREMENTS. ROOM IS ABOUT L30 SQUARE YEARDS, AMPLE FOR WORKING AREA. WILL ATTEMPT TO PUT UP TEMPORARY PARTITION AT BACK OF ROOM TO PROVIDE SEMI-PRIVATE WORK SPACE FOR MR. EISELE. FOR ALL BRIEFINGS, PROPOSE TO USE LARGE PRESS BRIEFING ROOM AT PRESSE HAUS I, AS MENTIONED IN PARA. NO. 4 BONN REFTEL.
- 5. PRESS CENTER SPACE IS ON SECOND FLOOR OF TULPENFELD ANNEX, ABOUT 90 YARDS FROM BUNDESPOST TELEX FILING FACILITIES. TWENTY LD'S WITH OPERATORS BEING ORDERED UP FOR PRESS CENTER. SPACE CONSISTING OF FOUR ADJOINING ROOMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL VISITING PRESS AND PROVIDE AT LEAST 55 WORK SPACES. THERE WILL BE A USIS STAFF ROOM WHERE HAND-OUTS, STATEMENTS, ETC., WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. TRANSCRIPTIONS AND TRANSLATIONS WILL ALSO BE PREPARED THERE. AP AND CONFIDENTIAL

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6. STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST FILING AT THE MILITARY AIRPORT. FACILITIES THERE AT BEST ARE VERY LIMITED. WE PROPOSE TO MOVE POOL VIA MOTORCADE AND REMAINDER OF PRESS BY FAST BUS WITH POLICE ESCORT DIRECTLY TO TULPENFELD HOTEL AND PRESS CENTER, ABOUT 25-MINUTE DRIVE. IF ANY LD'S ARE INSTALLED AT AIRPORT, CONFUSION AND DELAY WILL OCCUR. ALSO, WILL HAVE TO LAY ON EXTRA TRANSPORTATION FOR ANY STAYING ON AT AIRPORT TO FILE AND WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL WITHOUT POLICE ESCORT. MOST EFFICIENT PROCEDURE IS TO MOVE ALL PRESS OUT ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL STATEMENT. ADVISE.
7. RE POSSIBILITY OF ARRIVAL BEING COVERED LIVE BY TV: THIS WOULD HAPPEN ONLY IF ARRIVAL WERE BETWEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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2000 AND 20L0 HOURS FOR INCLUSION IN MAIN NATIONAL NEWS SHOW OF EVENING. WOULD NOT RECOMMEND CONTEMPLATING CHANGE IN ARRIVAL TIME FOR THAT PURPOSE ALONE. HAVE DISCUSSED WITH JIM KENIN AND ARE AWAITING CONFIRMATION FROM ARD THAT THEY WOULD, INDEED, DO LIVE COVERAGE SHOULD ARRIVAL OCCUR AT 2000 HOURS. WILL ADVISE ASAP.

8. FEDERAL PRESS OFFICE HAS REPEATED URGENT REQUEST FOR LIST OF ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS AS OUTLINED PARA. NO. 9 OF BONN REFTEL. STOESSEL

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